Miller Playfield Lighting Renovation
Meeting #1
Dec. 9, 2003
Meeting Notes

Staff Present: Virginia Hassinger, Parks Project Manager; Rich Hennings, Parks Major Maintenance Manager; Royal Alley-Barnes, Parks CE Sector Manager; Mike Mirante, Parks Ballfield Coordinator; Joelle Ligon, Parks Public Relations Specialist; Chris Fote, Sparling Inc.

7 p.m. Welcome

- Meeting attendees filtered in, discussed drawings with staff and reviewed schematic drawings.

7:20 p.m. Introductions

- Staff introduced themselves.

7:25 p.m. Project Discussion

- The project manager explained that the existing system is at the end of its useful life, and does not meet current code requirements. The new system will provide appropriate field lighting.
- Poles, lamps and electrical system elements need replacement. Neighbors will see a significant reduction in overall lighting. The new system will decrease the light off site.
- The new field will be lighted to the lowest level available for safe play. It will also increase lighting uniformity for players.
- The new lights will be aimed down and toward the field more. They will be designed to meet the latest standards and newest technologies in sports field lighting.
- Replacement lights will have ballasts near ground level, which will allow them to be replaced as needed.
- One community member pointed out that there had been a problem with when the lights were turned on and off, but that problem has been solved.
- A community member wanted to know if the athletic organizations were satisfied with the lighting the way Parks has planned it. The consultant indicated that the lighting system is Class IV, which is the industry standard recommended for safe

play. It is not as high as the standards set by the Little League organization, but it is considered an industry standard.

- The lighting controls were upgraded throughout the city several years ago. The new system will build on that by adding a programmable system.
- One community member requested that the lighting system timing be such that people could not play too late into the night. Parks staff indicated that the lights would not stay on longer than the park is open.
- The new poles will be in front of the path. The existing poles are 60 to 85 feet tall. The tallest of the new poles will be 80 feet tall.
- One community member asked that Parks look for opportunities to move the poles in further toward the field.
- Parks will move ahead with development of the design. The community can expect construction to start in May, with most of the work being done in June. There will be a three-week closure of the field for installation. After the new system has been installed, there is a burn-in period when the lamps are brighter. The system needs to be run for 100 hours and then the lighting levels will be measured again. The lights will operate for 10 hours a day for 10 days. There is a period of adjustment built into the project, so that adjustments to the lights can be made.
- There will be no increases in glare for anybody. There will be fewer lamps on the poles, and they will be better directed. The community can work with Parks to tweak the lighting for optimal use.
- The existing noisy ballast system will stay in place until it is removed during construction.
- There will be three switches and three different configurations of lighting. The average life of the lights are 5,500 to 6,000 hours. The new poles and lighting system are earthquake rated.

8 p.m Wrap up and tour

Community members took a tour of the field with the consultant and the project manager and then the meeting adjourned

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